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Agricultural Summary

Harvest continued at a rapid pace across the state last week. The weather provided almost ideal conditions, allowing harvest of all crops to advance ahead of last year. Some northern areas of the state reported soybean harvest as almost complete and the southern half reporting nearly complete on corn. Statewide, corn harvested nearly reached 70 percent, compared to 64 percent last year and 70 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans harvested was 84 percent complete compared to 70 percent last year and 80 percent for the five-year average. Seeding of wheat was being done as soon as the soybean crop was out of the field. Winter wheat planted was at 82 percent compared to 67 percent last year and 71 percent average. There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work last week. Other farm activities observed last week included equipment clean-up, fall tillage, applying manure and other fertilizers to pastures, hauling grain and reviewing information for the farm bill.

Crop Progress

| | CLOP | 11091 | .066 | |
|---------------------|--------|----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Crop Stage | ; ; | 2002 | : : 2001 | : 5-Year : Average |
| | | | October | 20 |
| CORN: | | | | |
| Harvested | | 70 | 64 | 70 |
| SOYBEANS: | | | | |
| Harvested | | 84 | 70 | 80 |
| SORGHUM: | | | | |
| Mature Harvested | | 99 80 | 97 76 | 96 63 |
| WINTER WHEAT: | | | | |
| Seeding Emerged | | 82 50 | 67 44 | 71 35 |

Corn - Percent Harvested Illinois

100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 2002 2000 2001 1997 1995 As of October 20

Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois

As of October 20

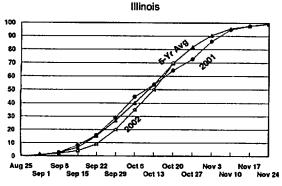
Crop Conditions

| Crop | : Very Poor : | Poor | : | Fair | : | Good | : Excellent |
|----------|---------------|--------|------|------|---|------|-------------|
| D | | Octobe | r 20 | | | | |
| Pasture | 10 | 26 | | 36 | | 26 | 2 |

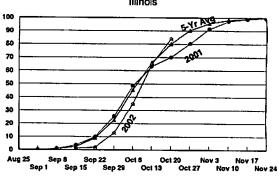
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

| District | : | Days Suitable for Fieldwork | : : Very Short : | - | Moisture Adequate | : Surplus |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|-----------|
| | | October 14 - 20 | | Octo | ober 20 | |
| Northwest | | 5.9 | 1 | 21 | 77 | 1 |
| Northeast | | 5.4 | 13 | 35 | 52 | _ |
| West | | 6.0 | 9 | 60 | 31 | _ |
| Central | | 6.0 | 2 | 29 | 69 | _ |
| East | | 6.4 | 2 | 13 | 81 | 4 |
| W Southwest | | 5.9 | 10 | 11 | 76 | 3 |
| E Southeast | | 6.0 | 14 | 50 | 36 | _ |
| Southwest | | 6.4 | 26 | 47 | 27 | - |
| Southeast | | 4.9 | 10 | 24 | 58 | 8 |
| State | | 6.0 | 8 | 31 | 59 | 2 |

Corn - Percent Harvested



Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts

| District | : : Corn Harvested : Soybeans Harvested : |
|-------------------|---|
| | October 20 |
| Northwest | 51 84 |
| Northeas t | 51 87 |
| West | 76 |
| Central | 87 88 |
| East | 69 89 |
| W Southwest | 71 75 |
| E Southeast | 77 89 |
| Southwest | 85 82 |
| Southeast | 91 71 |
| State | 70 84 |

Weather Information Table

| Maximum | | | : : Precipitation : |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| | October 14 - 20 | | |
| | | | |
| 63 | 27 | -9 | 0.10 |
| 70 | 26 | -9 | 0.05 |
| 71 | 26 | -8 | 0.08 |
| | 21 | -8 | 0.12 |
| | 26 | - 9 | 0.20 |
| 66 | 25 | - 9 | 0.11 |
| 63 | 26 | -10 | 0.10 |
| | | | |
| | | -10 | 0.19 |
| | | | 0.16 |
| | | - 9 | 0.11 |
| | | -10 | 0.14 |
| | | | 0.09 |
| | | | 0.03 |
| 62 | 29 | -10 | 0.12 |
| 70 | 26 | -10 | 0.08 |
| 73 | 26 | -10 | 0.00 |
| 73 | 29 | -10 | 1.21 |
| 70 | 28 | 9 | 0.49 |
| 71 | 32 | -8 | 1.12 |
| 75 | 24 | -11 | 0.41 |
| 72 | 26 | -11 | 0.66 |
| 72 | 28 | -8 | 0.13 |
| | | | |
| 71 | 29 | -9 | 1.12 |
| 70 | 28 | -10 | 0.88 |
| | | | |
| 69 | 31 | -10 | 0.72 |
| 70 | 28 | -10 | 0.31 |
| 71 | 29 | - 9 | 1.22 |
| | | | |
| | | | 0.47 |
| | | | 1.15 |
| | | | 0.46 |
| | | | 1.20 |
| | | | 0.95 |
| | | | 0.75 |
| 70 | 29 | -8 | 0.70 |
| | ** | <u>_</u> | A |
| | | | 0.24 |
| | | | 1.18 |
| 69 | 29 | -12 | 0.72 |
| 66 | 32 | • | 0.45 |
| | | | 0.45 |
| 68 66 | 31 | -11 -9 | 0.57 1.03 |
| | 63 70 71 67 65 66 63 64 62 60 61 62 63 62 70 73 73 73 70 71 75 72 72 72 | Maximum : Minimum : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : | Maximum Minimum Departure Cottober 14 - 20 October 14 - 20 Cottober 12 - 26 Cottober 12 - 26 Cottober 25 - 29 Cottober 29 - 29 |

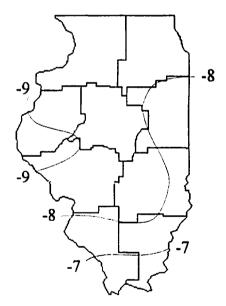
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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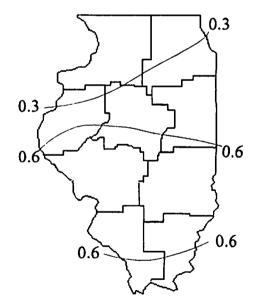
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Temperature (°F) Departure October 14 - 20



Precipitation (in.) Total October 14 - 20

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